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Applicant: Pearce et al.)
 For: Mitigating Errors in a)
 Distributed Speech Recognition)
 Process)
 Serial No.: 09/830,306)
 Filed: April 25, 2001)
 Examiner: Wozniak, J.)
 Art Unit: 2655)

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RESPONSE to Office Action, dated April 13, 2004 and
Petition Requesting a One Month Extension.

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

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Responsive to an Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, with a one month period for
 response, the applicants would request the reconsideration and reexamination of the claims, in
 view of the present amendments and included remarks. As presently amended, the application
 includes 24 claims, 6 of which are independent. The 6 independent claims exceed by three the
 highest number of independent claims (3), which were previously paid for, while the 24 total
 claims are less than the highest number of total claims (26) previously paid for.
 Correspondingly, an extra claim fee in the amount of \$258 for the three extra independent claims
 is believed to be due.

In conjunction with the present response, a request for a one month extension is being
 simultaneously submitted, which would extend the response date from July 13, 2004 to August
 13, 2004. In association therewith, a fee in the amount of \$110 is believed to be due. The
 applicant's representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge a total fee in the amount of
 \$368 associated with both the one month extension and the three extra independent claims, as